

## Great Inducement

to clothing buyers, this DISSOLUTION SALE discount of 33 1/2 PER CENT from regular prices—and unlike all other reduced price sales, there are no reservations here. EVERYTHING IN THE STORE IS INCLUDED—all the dress suits—all the business suits—all the overcoats—all the children's clothing—all hats—all the shoes—all the winter underwear—all the new neckwear—all shirts—collars—cuffs and other furnishings—the newest and best of the season's styles and qualities and all at ONE-THIRD OFF of original low prices.

Robinson, Chery & Co.,  
Twelfth and F Sts. N. W.

## Stock-taking Time is Here.

Bringing in its winter many unusual price reductions. We can suit you, we know. This stock was brought to meet your appreciation, and in quality, style and price leaves nothing to be desired. Credit, by all means, if you wish it.

## FOR LADIES.

Ladies' Fancy Cloth Jackets, well made and finished, reduced to \$2.98.  
Ladies' fine Austrian Jackets, beautifully made, lined and finished, reduced to \$8.50.  
Ladies' fine Kersey Jackets, the best value ever offered for \$5.50.

## FOR MEN.

Men's stylish Plain and Fancy Cheviot Suits reduced to \$5.50.  
Men's Kersey Overcoats, warm, serviceable, well made, reduced to \$5.98.  
Men's extra heavy Storm Coats in colorful material reduced to \$7.50.  
Men's fine Plain and Fancy Cheviot Suits, reduced to \$8.50.  
Men's fine Kersey Overcoats, extra quality, velvet collar, reduced to \$8.50.  
Men's fine Kersey Overcoats, latest styles, different fabrics, reduced to \$3.50.

MAYER & PETTIT,  
Reliable Outfitters,  
413 1/2 Seventh Street.

## Bring It Back!

If you ever get a Suit or an Overcoat that don't please you after you took it over at home—return it—in good condition—and get what you paid for it—without a QUESTION.

\$10—Buy a Suit in Cheviot, Worsted or Cashmere—or an Overcoat in Melton or Kersey that we will STAND by for fit, style and wear. "Dress-fitting Clothing" is right—always right.

M. Dyrenforth & Co.,  
621 Pa. Ave. N. W.  
Under Metropolitan Hotel.

## It's a Useless

waste of money to pay the high prices asked for other fuels, when Coke is far superior and costs less. Burn Coke and save your money!

Washington Gaslight Co.,  
413 TENTH STREET N. W.  
Or Wm. J. Zeh, 926 20th St. N. W.  
(Phone 678)

\$5.00  
For other people's \$12.00—there's why prudent buyers don't hesitate—and why we keep selling them.

New York Clothing House  
311 Seventh St.

For Groceries where purity is assured and cheapness is apparent call at  
PICKFORD'S,  
S. W. corner 9th St. and L. Ave.

Hahn's MARK-DOWN SALE  
926 and 927 1/2 St. Midwinter Shoe Event

Johnston's, 729 7th St.

U CAN BUY A BOY'S KEEFER, \$2.50 value—for \$1.48  
ADLER'S, Seventh St. and Mass. Ave. N. W.

Dress Suits Garner & Co.  
For Hire, Cor 7th and H Sts. N. W.

## BONA FIDE CIRCULATION.

The circulation of The Times for the week ending January 1, 1897, was as follows:  
Saturday, December 26... 36,029  
Sunday, December 27... 24,000  
Monday, December 28... 36,092  
Tuesday, December 29... 36,593  
Wednesday, December 30... 36,148  
Thursday, December 31... 36,469  
Friday, January 1... 35,584

Total copies printed... 238,841  
Less damaged copies, copies mislaid in office and copies returned from news stands and branch offices... 15,330  
Total... 223,511

I hereby certify that the above is a correct statement of circulation for the week ended Jan. 1, 1897.  
WILLIAM P. LERCH,  
Manager of Circulation.

Advertisers are cordially invited to visit our press and mailing rooms at all times and verify the above statement.

City Brevities

Pollman Newkirk of the Sixth precinct is on the sick list.

Mr. William Haynes of Chicago is visiting Mr. Ed. Carr of L Street northeast.

Pennsylvania avenue, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, is being repaired.

Mr. William Byers of 219 E Street, has returned from a business trip to Philadelphia.

Mrs. S. M. Beller, wife of Dr. Beller of the American University, is confined to her home by illness.

Dr. W. C. Fowler, who has been suffering from an attack of the grip, returned to his desk yesterday.

Attorney A. E. Shoemaker of the Anti-Saloon League is ill at his home in Tenleytown, suffering from an abscess in his face.

Henry Bell of Falls court, was knocked down by a team on Twenty-third street, yesterday, but was not seriously injured.

The annual Epworth League directory, a handbook of information concerning local chapters of the society, is being prepared under the direction of Mr. J. F. Israel, corresponding secretary of the league.

Rev. A. E. Spillman, pastor of the Leonardtown, Md., M. E. Church, was married yesterday afternoon to Miss Linda Jones, also of Leonardtown, by Rev. W. W. Van Arsdale, at the Fifteenth Street M. E. Church.

Private James Tracy of the police department has been promoted to class 2.

Private Lewis B. Hattaway, deceased, and Private George W. Neale has been transferred to the mounted service, vice R. L. C. Kapp, removed.

Mr. Hamlin, who was badly burned on the evening of December 29, while acting as Santa Claus at the Christmas entertainment of Hamline M. E. Sunday School, is rapidly improving and will soon remove the bandages from his hands and arms.

President Harry F. Belt, of the Epworth League Chapter of Trinity M. E. Church, is planning for the preliminary editorial content of the chapter, the winner of which will compete at the contest at Metropolitan Church in March next.

PREFERRED THE WORKHOUSE.

Two Sailors Would Rather Go There Than to the Mission.

Henry Jones and John Cannon, sailors, both prior to the workhouse to the Central Union Mission. They came from Cleveland, where they had been employed on some of the lake vessels, and were arrested Wednesday night for begging, by Policeman Vanduseker.

The men had papers to show they were not professional tramps, but workmen, and his honor was reluctant to send them down.

"Wouldn't you prefer a place where you could earn a living than the workhouse?" asked his honor.

"And where's that, sir, may I ask?" inquired Jones, as he and his companion gave the court a short, jerky salute.

"At the mission."

"I've never been, sir, around the missions," said Jones. "I don't want to go. Send me to the workhouse."

"And you?" said the court to the other man.

"The same as him, sir."

"It's unusual to hear men of your stamp talk this way," said his honor, "but I will oblige you. Thirty days each."

PAINTINGS OF THIS CENTURY.

Interesting Illustrated Lecture at Carroll Institute Hall.

The annual illustrated lecture under the joint auspices of the Capital Camera Club and the Carroll Institute was held at Carroll Institute Hall last night.

The subject, "The Popular Painters of the Nineteenth Century," was ably treated by Mr. Le Breton, of the Camera Club. It was profusely illustrated with stereoscopic views of reproductions of the principal masterpieces of this century.

Mr. LeBreton, during his discourse, touched on the works of Alma-Tadema, Millais, Gutzmer, Meissonier, and their followers. He compared the paintings of this century with the works of the old masters, and said that even subjected to such a high standard of comparison, the paintings of today reflect credit on their creators.

CHARGED WITH STEALING OIL.

Three Colored Men Locked Up for This Offense.

John Higgins, Arthur Brown and London Dogan, all colored, were landed behind the bars at the Police station yesterday afternoon, charged with the theft of two barrels of oil and one of gasoline. The staff belonged to Charles D. Nicolai, a dealer.

The oil was stolen several days ago. Brown and Dogan are said to have carried the barrels away from in front of Nicolai's store in a wagon and left them in the house of a woman named Mrs. Green, corner of Seventh and S streets. The following day Higgins and Dogan disposed of it, the police say. Patrolman Mulder and his arrested the men.

Assaulted the Trooper.

Daniel Myer, a colored bootblack, was arrested by Patrolman Goss and taken to the Twelfth street station last evening for an assault on Joseph Wynn, a trooper at Fort Myer. The former was standing in front of the Raleigh Hotel when Wynn and some friends passed, and when they replied to an insulting expression the bootblack struck Wynn with a stone. The latter was not seriously injured.

## D.A. RESCINDS ITS ACTION

Withdraws Resolutions Condemning the General Officers.

## THE HATCHET IS BURIED

Only Person to Suffer Is Former Master Workman Simmons, Who Is Expelled—Officers Chosen for the Ensuing Year—What Mr. Simmons Says.

There was a hatchet burying at the meeting of District Assembly No. 66 last evening at Plasterers' Hall, and the dissection was attended by the general officers of the Knights of Labor and an unusually large number of delegates.

This condition of affairs is the result of the act on of the assembly, rescinding the resolutions adopted at the last meeting, and thus placing it on the docket and friendly relations with the general officers of the assembly, and the expulsion of W. H. H. Simmons, last night, and the rescinding of the resolutions of the assembly.

The following officers were chosen to serve for the ensuing year: A. M. Lawrence, master workman; L. R. Boyd, worthy foreman; John Neeb, financial secretary; S. A. Clements, recording secretary; John T. Doyle, treasurer.

The selection of the executive board was postponed until the next meeting.

Former Master Workman W. H. G. Simmons was seen last night, and said he was surprised at the action taken, especially as those who were most prominent in having the resolutions adopted were so eager that they should be rescinded.

He felt sure that the course pursued would result to the injury of the local assembly.

His organization, the tin and sheet iron workers, would, he said, withdraw from District Assembly No. 66, and also the tin-layers and structural ironworkers' assembly. It is also probable, he stated, that the plasterers, masons and bakers' drivers would also withdraw.

Demands Reimbursement.

So far as he was concerned personally the action of the assembly did not affect him, as he had already received a letter from Secretary-Treasurer John W. Hayes notifying him that he stood expelled by limitation, the time for his repudiation of the newspaper articles referred to above having expired.

The letter also contained an order for Mr. Simmons to turn over to District Assembly No. 66 all of his property in his possession. This Mr. Simmons says he will refuse to do until the assembly reimburses him \$214 for money expended by order of that body.

The tin and sheet iron workers' organization, he says, will now affiliate with its national organization.

SHOEMAKER HIBBS MISSING.

Took His Money and Left Home to Bet on McKinley's Election.

The police are searching for Benjamin Hibbs, a shoemaker, forty-four years of age, who mysteriously and suddenly disappeared from his home in South Washington about the middle of last October.

He had been employed by the Crawford shoe house as a collector, and on the day of his disappearance was arraigned in the police court, charged with being drunk and disorderly. His wife and two small children were in court, and Judge Kimball accepted his personal bonds and told the shoemaker to go and find his man.

Hibbs went at once to his home and taking what money he had started out, telling his wife he was going to bet every cent of it on McKinley's election. Since then nothing has been seen or heard of him.

The missing man's brother, J. D. Hibbs, of White Plains, Va., was at police headquarters yesterday making inquiries about him. He denies the story that Benjamin Hibbs had taken a large sum of money.

Mrs. Hibbs and her two little ones are stopping at No. 621 Fourth and a-half street southwest, and are anxious to hear from the husband and father.

LOOK CLOSE AT THE BILLS.

Mrs. Broderick Gave a Ten for a One Dollar Note.

Frank Cordone, a Greek fruit vendor, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Officer Hodges, at the Center Market, for defrauding Mrs. Broderick, of No. 476 E Street southwest, out of \$10.

Mrs. Broderick purchased a dozen tomatoes of the vendor and gave him what she supposed was a \$1 bill and received 95 cents in change. A few moments later she discovered she had given the man \$10, and upon returning and asking for money she found the Greek and several other vendors cursed and swore at her, and refused to return it.

Cordone was locked up in No. 1 station and when searched \$115 in bills, \$15 in gold, and a quantity of small change was found upon him.

NEW YORK'S PUBLIC BUILDING.

House Committee Reports Favorably on a New Structure.

A favorable report was made today by the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds on the bill to erect a new custom house in New York city.

The report, which was presented by Mr. Gillet of Massachusetts, reviews the previous legislation on the subject and explains that this legislation has failed of its purpose owing to a provision looking to a change of site of the custom house from the present site to one of several locations that have been proposed. The committee believes that any change of site is undesirable, and that a new custom house should be constructed on the present ground.

The report shows in conclusion that in 1888 \$2,000,000 were appropriated for a new custom house and appraiser's warehouse in New York city; \$600,000 were expended for the purchase of the site, and the remainder is now available for the custom house.

Permit for Traction Company.

A permit was issued yesterday to the Capital Traction Company by the Commissioners to lay a cast-iron pipe from its conduit on Pennsylvania avenue to the corner of First and B streets southeast, and to attach a safety signal thereto upon certain conditions prescribed.

Sentence Deferred.

Edward Jones, colored, was convicted yesterday in criminal court No. 1 of the larceny of \$100 by stealing from Anna Krasner on the 7th of last month. The jury recommended the prisoner to the mercy of the court and sentence was deferred.

Sergt. Davis's Case Not Pressed.

Assistant District Attorney James L. Pugh entered a nolle prosequi yesterday in the case of Sergt. Davis, of the Sixth United States Cavalry, stationed at Fort Myer, charged with embezzling \$10,000.

New Year's day with Lieut. Barber, an English army officer, who was fined \$20 for the same offense last Tuesday.

Mr. Pugh, on investigation, found that the sergeant was not in the city on Tuesday or Wednesday, but was in the city on Thursday.

Engaged in a Duel.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 7.—John Vaughan and Gus Homer, armed with a pistol and knife, engaged in a duel this morning in this city. Homer is dead and Vaughan is in a dying condition. Vaughan quarreled with his wife, and Homer took sides with the woman, precipitating the duel. The woman is under arrest as an accessory.

Delegates Appointed.

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## BOSTON FIRE SALE!

Clothing, Shoes, Boots and Furnishings!

Yesterday the sale opened to a crowded house—store was packed—Jammed full with folks who came to test our claims. They found them true. The goods are part of those saved from the big Boston fire—some slightly damaged by water and smoke—most of them not damaged at all. Here are a few samples:

Men's Overcoats.....	\$1.40	Young Men's Suits.....	\$2.25	25c Neckties.....	5c
Men's Brown Cheviot Suits.....	\$1.75	Worth \$8.75—32 to 35 chest measure.		\$4 and \$5 Men's Shoes.....	98c
Men's Suits, worth \$8 and \$10.....	\$2.35	Men's Heavy Cashmere Pants.....	50c	\$5.50, \$6 and \$7 Men's Shoes.....	\$1.75
Men's Suits, worth \$13 to \$15.....	\$5.00	Boys' Pants.....	10c	Children's Woolen Shirt Waists.....	8c
Men's Suits, worth \$16 to \$18.....	\$7.00	Heavy Balbriggan Underwear.....	20c	Worth \$1.00.	

BOSTON FIRE SALE, JAMES L. WARREN, Manager.

225 PENNA. AVENUE, Bet. 2d and 3d Sts., Opposite Botanical Gardens.

## WILLS FILED FOR PROBATE

Mrs. Babe Left Property to National Spiritualist Association.

Money Derived from It to Be Used in Spreading Gospel of This Faith.

The will of Lieut. John H. C. Coffin was filed yesterday for probate. The paper is in the form of a memorandum directed to the deceased's brother, Lieut. W. H. Coffin.

One thousand dollars are bequeathed to John Huntington Coffin Penhallow, a nephew, and the deceased's watch and chain are given to Fenton Harrison McGladwin, the grandson of the late Lieut. Coffin.

The bulk of the property is bequeathed as follows: William H. Coffin, one-fourth; Mary Penhallow, a sister, one-fourth; Helen O. Paine, a sister, one-fourth; and the remainder to the surviving children of a deceased sister, Mrs. Louise H. Coffin.

It is directed that all stocks and bonds be converted into cash, except the bank of Washington stock, which the testator expresses a desire shall be divided according to the shares. The memorandum is dated November 14, 1896.

The will of the late Mary A. Babe, dated October 1, 1895, and containing a codicil signed July 15 last, was filed yesterday for probate.

The will divides all of the estate to the National Spiritualist Association of the United States for the spreading of "the gospel of spiritualism."

This request is subject, however, to the following conditions contained in the codicil: Adeline M. Gladwin, \$200; C. A. Spier, \$200; Mrs. Emma A. Rice, all the furniture and household goods in the deceased's house at 424 K Street, and the house at 458 New Jersey avenue, containing a yard and the sum of \$100; Mrs. C. E. Follister, all clothing; Mary A. Gladwin, \$200; and the National Spiritualist Association a bookcase and books and the sum of \$100.

The testator and her deceased husband, Theodore J. Babe, is named as executor.

In a will dated March 17 last William M. Shuster makes a bequest of all his property to his son, William M. Shuster, Jr., in trust for Mrs. Elizabeth M. Shuster, the widow of the testator. At her death the son gets the estate subject to several minor details.

"BILLY" WILLIAMS' FUTURE.

Once Notorious Criminal Is Living an Honest Life.

"Billy" Williams' reformation is evidenced by his solicited care of John Curran, the crook, who died at his house on Saturday night last, as told in Wednesday's Morning Times.

Williams declared several months ago that his days of evil-living are over, and that he would henceforth try to lead an honorable life.

He married recently a respectable young woman of this city, and her influence, it is believed, caused the once notorious and dangerous criminal to abandon his evil ways.

The sincerity of his statement was doubted by the police, and subsequent crimes were laid at Williams' door, although he was never proved to have committed any of them.

Finally the authorities saw that the man was living a respectable and living openly, and it is now believed that he has permanently reformed.

He knew Curran in the old days, and when the latter came to him in the last stages of consumption, he could not refuse to shelter the sufferer.

Williams related the fact at once to the police, and detectives were ordered to watch Curran and apprehend him on an old charge if he attempted to get away. Curran's terrible death ended all Williams' hopes of the first steps toward an amalgamation of all the scattered elements of the old Cleveland democracy in the South. Some politicians claim it foreshadows the candidacy of Mr. Cleveland in 1904.

Among the prominent arrivals at the Cochran is Hon. Ike Smith, who comes back to the Capital for the first time since his rather dramatic exit from the Cabinet, to attend, by special invitation of Mr. Cleveland, a dinner given to the Cabinet. This invitation and its acceptance is believed by one of the first steps toward an amalgamation of all the scattered elements of the old Cleveland democracy in the South. Some politicians claim it foreshadows the candidacy of Mr. Cleveland in 1904.

Other guests at the Cochran are Mr. John A. Wellerstein, of Philadelphia; Charles Daniel and E. B. Briggs, of Buffalo; Charles Diamond and wife, Pittsburgh; and W. H. H. Abbott and H. F. Kelley, of Waterville, Me.

Normandie.

Hon. R. A. Kerns, of St. Louis, is at the Normandie. The success of the Republican party in the recent election made Mr. Kerns a more prominent figure than he was before, though he has, for years, been one of the "big" men of his party and his section.

He is one of the men who have made the great Southwest, having been connected with Senator Stephen B. Elkins and ex-Senator McDonald in many enterprises in that section. He and Chauncey I. Filley led the sound money fight in Missouri, and there can hardly be any doubt that had the Republicans been successful in changing the complexion of the State legislature, as they hoped, Mr. Kerns would have been the successor of Mr. Vest in the Senate.

Presented the Resolutions.

Judge McCallum, of Columbia Heights, called upon the Commissioners yesterday, to bear some resolutions adopted by the board of his party and his section in the interest of street improvements.

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## PICKED UP AT HOTELS.

Arlington.

Appropos to the wool growers' appeal to the Ways and Means Committee for additional protection upon their product, an amusing story was told by a guest of the Arlington last night. He is a Westerner, this guest, and knows the tricks of the trade. That the whole matter of tariff is one of interest rather than principle he illustrated by the following:

"You may have heard of Jim K—, the greatest sheep herder of the Southwest. Well, whether you have or not, he used to own more sheep than any other man in that section of the country. His ranches were in Texas and in New Mexico, and he had interests in flocks in Arizona and up in Colorado.

"He lived down in Texas and had the strongest kind of a 'pull' with the politicians. He lived down in Texas and had the strongest kind of a 'pull' with the politicians.

"You remember the great Democratic landslide in '92, don't you? Well, on that tremendous wave of revolt against the outrageous conditions of the original McKinley bill, there was swept into Congress from a southwestern district a man who had in his campaign given every free reason to believe that he was for free wool, if not for free trade out and out.

"Jim K— was a good Democrat, but he had no idea that the party ought to work to simply take the bread and meat out of his mouth by voting for free wool. That was not his idea of democracy at all. So when the Fifty-second Congress met he almost melted the wiles with appeals to his friends here to vote against free wool. Especially did he urge this new Representative of whom I have spoken, who was really under some obligations to him.

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